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(p) *Revenue passenger-mile* means one revenue passenger transported one mile. Revenue passenger-miles are computed by multiplying the aircraft miles flown on each flight stage by the number of revenue passengers carried on that flight stage.

(q) *Revenue seat-miles available* means the aircraft-miles flown on each flight stage multiplied by the number of seats available for sale on that flight stage.

(r) *Revenue ton-mile* means one ton of revenue traffic transported one mile. Revenue ton-miles are computed by multiplying the aircraft-miles flown on each flight stage by the number of pounds of revenue traffic carried on that flight stage and converted to ton-miles by dividing total revenue pound-miles by 2,000 pounds.

(s) *Revenue ton-miles available* means the aircraft-miles flown on each flight stage multiplied by the number of pounds of aircraft capacity available for use on that stage and converted to ton-miles by dividing total pound-miles available by 2,000 pounds.

(t) *Scheduled service* means transport service operated over routes pursuant to published flight schedules or pursuant to mail contracts with the U.S. Postal Service.

(u) *Small aircraft* means any aircraft that is not a large aircraft, as defined in this section.

(v) *Ton* means a short ton, i.e., 2,000 pounds.

(w) *Small certificated air carrier* means an air carrier holding a certificate issued under section 41102 of the Statute that provides scheduled passenger air service within and between only the 50 States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands with small aircraft as defined in this section.

[ER–929, 40 FR 42855, Sept. 17, 1975, as amended by ER–957, 41 FR 28512, July 12, 1976; ER–1039, 43 FR 1490, Jan. 10, 1978; ER–1123, 44 FR 30083, May 24, 1979; ER–1251, 46 FR 51374, Oct. 20, 1981; ER–1251, 46 FR 53023, Oct. 28, 1981; ER–1278, 47 FR 608, Jan. 6, 1982; ER–1289, 47 FR 12949, Mar. 26, 1982; ER–1399, 50 FR 19, Jan. 2, 1985; Docket No. 47939, 57 FR 40103, Sept. 2, 1992; 60 FR 43527, 43528, Aug. 22, 1995]

### § 298.3 Classification.

(a) There is hereby established a classification of air carriers, designated as “air taxi operators,” which directly engage in the air transportation of persons or property or mail or in any combination of such transportation and which:

(1) Except as provided in § 298.5, do not directly or indirectly utilize large aircraft in air transportation;

(2) Except as provided in § 298.5, do not hold a certificate of public convenience and necessity or economic authority issued by the Department or the CAB other than that provided by this part;

(3) Have registered with the Department in accordance with subpart C of this part;

(4) Have and maintain in effect liability insurance coverage in compliance with the requirements set forth in part 205 of this chapter and have and maintain a current certificate of insurance evidencing such coverage on file with the Department; and

(5) If operating as a commuter air carrier or in foreign air transportation or participating in an interline agreement, have and maintain in effect and on file with the Department a signed counterpart of Agreement 18900 (OST Form 4523 or OST Form 4506) and comply with all other requirements of part 203 of this chapter.

(b) Except as provided in § 298.5, a person who does not observe the conditions set forth in paragraph (a) of this section shall not be an air taxi operator or commuter air carrier within the meaning of this part with respect to any operations conducted while such conditions are not being observed, and during such periods is not entitled to any of the exemptions set forth in this part.

[ER–929, 40 FR 42855, Sept. 17, 1975, as amended by ER–1039, 43 FR 1490, Jan. 10, 1978; ER–1213, 46 FR 12478, Feb. 17, 1981; ER–1333, 48 FR 8051, Feb. 25, 1983; Docket No. 47939, 57 FR 40103, Sept. 2, 1992]

### § 298.4 Requests for statement of authority.

In any instance where an air taxi operator or commuter air carrier is required by a foreign government to

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produce evidence of its authority to engage in foreign air transportation under the laws of the United States, the Director, Office of Aviation Analysis will, upon request, furnish the carrier with a written statement, outlining its general operating privileges under this part for presentation to the proper authorities of the foreign government.

[ER-929, 40 FR 42855, Sept. 17, 1975, as amended by Docket No. 47939, 57 FR 40103, Sept. 2, 1992]

### **§ 298.5 Dual operations—air taxi or commuter air carrier and all-cargo air service.**

Any person having or obtaining authority to operate as an all-cargo air service carrier shall not thereby lose, or be disqualified from obtaining, authority under this part to engage also in operations as an air taxi operator or commuter air carrier, regardless of the size of aircraft utilized in such all-cargo air service operations. The operations which such person conducts as an air taxi operator or commuter air carrier shall be subject to the conditions and entitled to the exemptions set forth in this part, and the operations which he conducts as an all-cargo air service carrier shall be subject to the conditions and entitled to the exemptions set forth in part 291 of this chapter.

[ER-1039, 43 FR 1490, Jan. 10, 1978, as amended by Docket No. 47939, 57 FR 40103, Sept. 2, 1992]

## **Subpart B—Exemptions**

### **§ 298.11 Exemption authority.**

Air taxi operators and commuter air carriers are hereby relieved from the following provisions of the Statute only if and so long as they comply with the provisions of this part and the conditions imposed herein, and to the extent necessary to permit them to conduct air taxi or commuter air carrier operations:

(a) Section 41101;

(b) Section 41504; except that the requirements of that section shall apply to: (1) Tariffs for through rates, fares, and charges filed jointly by air taxi operators or commuter air carriers with air carriers or with foreign air carriers

subject to the tariff-filing requirements of Chapter 415; and (2) Tariffs required to be filed by air taxi operators or commuter air carriers which embody the provisions of the counterpart to Agreement 18900 as specified in part 203 of this chapter;

(c) Section 41702, except for the requirements that air taxi operators and commuter air carriers shall:

(1) Provide safe service, equipment, and facilities in connection with air transportation;

(2) Provide adequate service insofar as that requires them to comply with parts 252 and 382 of this chapter;

(3) Observe and enforce just and reasonable joint rates, fares, and charges, and just and reasonable classifications, rules, regulations and practices as provided in tariffs filed jointly by air taxi operators or commuter air carriers with certificated air carriers or with foreign air carriers; and

(4) Establish just, reasonable, and equitable divisions of such joint rates, fares, and charges as between air carriers participating therein which shall not unduly prefer or prejudice any of such participating air carriers;

(d) Section 41310, except that the requirements of that subsection shall apply to through service provided pursuant to tariffs filed jointly by air taxi operators or commuter air carriers with certificated air carriers or with foreign air carriers and to transportation of the handicapped to the extent that that is required by part 382 of this chapter;

(e) Section 41902;

(f) Section 41708.

[ER-929, 40 FR 42855, Sept. 17, 1975, as amended by ER-1251, 46 FR 51374, Oct. 20, 1981; ER-1278, 47 FR 608, Jan. 6, 1982; ER-1295, 47 FR 25936, June 16, 1982; ER-1389, 50 FR 31142, July 31, 1985; Docket No. 47939, 57 FR 40103, Sept. 2, 1992; 60 FR 43528, Aug. 22, 1995]

### **§ 298.12 [Reserved]**

### **§ 298.13 Duration of exemption.**

The exemption from any provision of the Statute provided by this part shall continue in effect only until such time as the Department shall find that enforcement of that provision would be in the public interest, at which time the